

from 1.1.94 to 30.11.96. The year wise break up is as follows :

Year	Receipt
1994	173
1995	193
1996	164
	530

Out of these 435 were forwarded to the State Govts. for appropriate action since the officers concerned were/are working with the State Governments and they are competent to take action. No action was taken on 92 complaints for their being anonymous/psydonymous, as per existing Govt. instructions. In the case of 2 IPS officers CBI has already registered cases. One case has been referred to CBI for taking necessary action. The matters pertain to the period when these officers were on Central deputation.

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

3675. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn of the new-item captioned "During pricing panel without teeth", appearing in the Indian Express, dated October 18, 1996;

(b) if so, whether National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority set up of regulate and periodically revise the prices of drugs will not have any statutory status as originally envisaged;

(c) whether the purpose for establishing NPPA has been lost because of its being non-functional; and

(d) whether the Government are considering to make drug pricing panel more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a), Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has been created under the Drug Policy, 1986 as modified in 1994. The modifications did not stipulate that the NPPA should be a statutory authority. It has been decided that the NPPA will be an attached office under the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals. As officer in the rank and pay scale of Secretary to the Government of India has assumed the charge of Chairman, NPPA and is engaged in the setting up of this new authority at the earliest. Work as envisaged in the Drug Policy would be entrusted to the NPPA and that is bound to make it a very effective body.

Supply of Urea

3676. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of allotment of urea to Karnataka during Kharif and Rabi seasons of 1995-96;

(b) whether there is any gap between the requirement and the supply thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken to meet the requirement of urea in future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d). The table below gives the assessed requirement, availability and consumption of urea in Karnataka during Kharif and Rabi seasons of 1995-96 :

('000 tonnes)

	Kharif 1995	Rabi 1995-96
1. Assessed requirement	430.00	370.34
2. Quantity made available (Supplies)	466.56	425.07
3. Consumption	452.47	307.34

As can be seen from the above table, the supply of urea was adequate to take care of the requirement.

[Translation]

Additions to the SC/ST Lists

3677. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE :
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI RAM SAJEEVAN :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a comprehensive revision of the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes lists;

(b) whether a Committee has been set up for the purpose;

(c) if so, the composition of the said committee and by which date the report of the Committee is expected to be submitted;

(d) whether the Government would consider the proposals for inclusion of Panika Tribe of Madhya Pradesh, Passi Caste of Gujarat and Chain and Layah Communities of Bihar in the SC/ST lists; and

(e) if so, the time by which a decision would be taken in this regard?